

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A food blender comprising:  
a base with an electric motor;  
a knife rotatable by the motor;  
a jar with a substantially symmetrical body having first and second opposite ends; ~~and~~  
the body having ~~[[a]]an interior cross-sectional area that enlarges from a first value to a second~~  
~~maximum value and then decreases to a third value progressing upwardly from narrow to~~  
~~wide to narrow between the first and second end to enhance blending action in the jar[[.]];~~  
~~and~~  
the body including a handle.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 1 wherein the body has a curved profile.

Claims 6-7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of ribs extending inwardly in the body of the jar.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 1 wherein the shape of the cross-sectional area is generally circular.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A food blender, comprising:  
a base;  
an electric motor in the base;  
a knife driven by the motor;  
a jar having a substantially symmetrical body and having upper and lower opposite ends, the  
lower end being adapted to mount onto the base; ~~and~~

the body curving outwardly from the lower end and then curving inwardly between the lower end  
and the upper end to enhance blending action in the jar[.]; and  
the body including a handle.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 10 wherein the inward curve defines a portion having a reduced cross-sectional area.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 10 wherein the body curves outwardly adjacent the upper end.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 10 further comprising a plurality of ribs extending inwardly in the body of the jar.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): A food blender, comprising:  
a base;  
an electric motor in the base;  
a knife driven by the motor;  
a jar having a substantially symmetrical body and having opposite first and second ends, the first end being adapted to mount onto the base;  
the body having an interior cross-sectional area changing between the ends from small to largest to smallest to large area that enlarges from a first value to a second maximum value and then decreases to a third value progressing between the first and second end so as to  
enhance blending action in the jar; and  
a plurality of ribs extending inwardly in the body to enhance blending[.]; and  
the body including a handle.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 15 wherein the body has a curved profile.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 15 wherein the body curves outwardly and then inwardly from the first end to the second end.

Claim 18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (Currently amended): A food blender comprising:  
a base with an electric motor and knives driven by the motor;  
a jar having a substantially symmetrical body having upper and lower opposite ends and first and second intermediate portions and the body being open only at the upper end; and  
the body having a generally circular cross-sectional area between the upper and lower ends, the upper and lower ends having first and second diameters and the first intermediate portion having a diameter larger than either of the first or second diameters, and the second intermediate portion having a diameter smaller than either of the first or second diameters, the upper and lower ends being interconnected with the intermediate portions to define an outwardly and then an inwardly curved profile therebetween for enhancing the blending action within the jar[.]; and  
the body including a handle.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 19 further comprising a plurality of ribs extending inwardly in the body of the jar.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 19 wherein the shape of the cross-sectional area is generally circular.

Claim 23 (Currently amended): A food blender, comprising:

a base;

a jar mounted on the base and having a body with upper and lower ends and having an enlarged ~~cross-sectional area and a reduced interior~~ cross-sectional area that enlarges from a first value to a second maximum value and then reduces to a third value spaced between the upper and lower ends;

an electric motor in the base with a rotatable output shaft extending upwardly into the jar;

a plurality of blades mounted on the motor output shaft for rotation in the jar, the blades defining a spinning diameter when rotating which is at least substantially equal to a diameter of the reduced cross-sectional area of the jar.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 23 wherein the jar has a curved profile between the upper and lower ends.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 23 wherein the jar profile extends outwardly from the lower end, then inwardly and then outwardly adjacent the upper end.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 24 wherein the body has a plurality of internal ribs.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): The food blender of claim 24 wherein the body has a generally circular cross-sectional shape between the upper and lower ends.